

Used Oil and Household Hazardous Waste Outreach Strategy

Action desired: Residents will properly dispose of used oil and household hazardous waste (HHW)

Messages:

- Don't dump used oil.
- Bring used oil to your municipal recycling center or the Eco-Depot.
- Bring household hazardous waste to the Eco-Depot. Call the RI Resource Recovery Corporation at 401-942-1430 x231 to schedule a drop-off appointment or find out when there will be a hazardous waste pick up in your area.

Step-by-step

Task	Who's in charge of what?		
	RI NEMO	Municipality / MS4	Volunteers
1. Insert information on HHW pick-up dates with tax bill, water bill or town mailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide template of bill insert describing HHW and disposal options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customize template. • Include the bill insert in a regular town mailing. 	
2. Coordinate with RIRRC to schedule a town waste pick-up day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide press release and flyer templates regarding HHW pick-up day 	Call RIRRC to schedule a pick-up date	
3. Contact local marinas and boatyards and ask them to post signs/flyers with date of HHW pick-up and proper disposal options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide template of flyer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a pick-up location. • Send out press release and flyers • Call local marinas/boatyards and send them flyers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post flyers or get them to marina/boatyards.

How did it work?

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1. Keep records of the number of bill inserts sent out		Keep records	
2. Keep track of the number of people who attend the pick-up date.		Keep records	

Background on Problem: There is concern that Do-It-Yourself Oil Changers (DIYers) pour used oil down storm drains. While we currently do not have specific evidence regarding how much of a problem this is in Rhode Island, the RIDEM website states that “used motor oil is a large source of the pollution in our state’s waterways” and that “every year, Rhode Island do-it-yourselfers discard an estimated 1.4 million gallons.” We do not know where the oil is discarded.

Supporting Materials to be Provided:	Materials Drafted
bill insert describing HHW disposal options	
press release about HHW pick-up day	
flyer about HHW pick-up day	